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Official meetings

General Assembly

Seventieth session

10:00 [webcast] Trusteeship Council Chamber

The General Assembly will hold an informal meeting on the preparations for the High-level meeting on HIV/AIDS. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 30 March 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

15:00 [webcast] Trusteeship Council Chamber

The General Assembly will hold an informal meeting entitled "Humanitarian Response in Africa: The Urgency to Act". A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 30 March 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Preparatory Committee established by General Assembly resolution 69/292: Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction

First session

10:00 to 13:00 15th meeting Conference Room 1

Overflow room: Conference Room 12

Development of substantive recommendations on the elements of a draft text of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea [item 7] *(continued)*

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Consideration of the issues addressed by the Preparatory Committee to date *(continued)*

Consideration of a roadmap for the next sessions of the Preparatory Committee

15:00 to 18:00 — 16th meeting — Conference Room 1
Overflow room: Conference Room 12

Development of substantive recommendations on the elements of a draft text of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea [item 7] *(continued)*

Consideration of a roadmap for the next sessions of the Preparatory Committee *(continued)*

Other matters [item 8]

[*PaperSmart* arrangements will be available for the duration of the first session of the Preparatory Committee. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart8@un.org. The entity name, date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail.

The statements will be made available on the PaperSmart portal after their delivery by delegations. PDF format is preferred.

To access the PaperSmart of the Preparatory Committee, please *click here*. Delegations are kindly requested to provide *twenty* hardcopies of the text for the technical services *no later than one hour* before delivery of the statement.

The list of side events scheduled to be held during the meeting can be consulted by *clicking here*.]

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Working Group I (Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises)
Twenty-sixth session

10:00 to 13:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 2

15:00 to 18:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 2

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 10

15:00 to 18:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 10

Executive meeting

Disarmament Commission
2016 substantive session

Working Group I

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 3

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 3

[Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of participants are invited to communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch, via note verbale (e-mail leu@un.org fax 1 (212) 963-5305), *as soon as possible*, the names of the representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Disarmament Commission.]

Security Council

Military Staff Committee

11:00 to 13:00 1845th meeting (closed) Conference Room 8

Usage of modern technology in peacekeeping operations

Economic and Social Council
2016 session

Briefing

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 4

The Vice-President of the Council (Estonia) will hold a briefing on the preparations for the integration segment of the 2016 session of the Council. All permanent missions and observers are invited to attend.

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 11

The facilitator (Switzerland) will convene informal informal consultations on the scope and methodology of the Global Sustainable Development Report. For information on the report, please *click here*.

Commission on Population and Development

10:00 to 13:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

On the zero-draft resolution on the future organization and methods of work of the Commission on Population and Development, convened by the Vice-Chair designate, Ms. Oana Rebedea (Romania), and Ms. Iara Beekma Reis (Plurinational State of Bolivia). Subsequent dates and times for informal consultations will be announced in the *Journal*, at a later date.

15:00 to 18:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

On the zero-draft resolution on the special theme of the Commission on Population and Development convened by the Vice-Chair, Ms. Nadine Skale (Germany), and Mr. Franklyn Brima Fawundu (Sierra Leone). Subsequent dates and times for informal consultations will be announced in the *Journal*, at a later date.

Other meetings

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Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

11:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 7
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 4

Skills building workshop on elections to United Nations organs (organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR))

10:00 to 13:00		Conference Room 5
15:00 to 18:00		Conference Room 5

For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Arab Group (Second Committee experts)

12:00 to 13:30	Closed meeting	Conference Room E

Event on "World military spending: Trends and implications" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Japan, the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) and the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA))

13:15 to 14:30		Conference Room 8

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Elsie Haregwein, UNODA (e-mail haregwein@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6208).

Group of Least Developed Countries (Second Committee experts)

15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 9

Press conferences

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

For the complete list of press conferences, please click on the link *www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp*

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Monday, 11 April 2016

11:30 Conference Room 2

The President of the General Assembly will hold an informal briefing for delegations on the logistical arrangements for the High-Level Thematic Debate on Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals to be held on Thursday, 21 April 2016. For more information, please *click here*.

The President of the General Assembly will also brief on the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly on the World Drug Problem to be held from Tuesday, 19 April to Thursday, 21 April 2016. For more information, please *click here*.

Monday, 11 April 2016

15:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

There will be a briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management on the organizational arrangements for the Friday, 22 April 2016 high-level signature ceremony for the Paris Agreement. Representatives from the Executive Office of the Secretary-General (EOSG), the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the Office of Legal Affairs (OLA), the Department of Public Information (DPI) and the Department of Safety and Security (DSS) will be present at the meeting.

Schedule of General Assembly Informal Meetings with Candidates for the post of Secretary-General

Tuesday, 12 to Thursday, 14 April 2016 Trusteeship Council Chamber

In accordance with resolution 69/321, the General Assembly will conduct informal dialogues with candidates for the post of Secretary-General, providing candidates an opportunity to present their candidatures and Member States with an opportunity to ask questions and interact with them. Each segment will consist of a two hour time slot. For more information regarding the schedule, please *click here*.

Member States are requested to limit their interventions to *two minutes* (*three minutes* for groups); questions posed by groups are encouraged. A mechanism to facilitate compliance with the time limit will be installed. Representatives from civil society will be given the floor per segment to ask a question, time permitting.

Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 25 February 2016 and 29 March 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

High-Level Thematic Debate on Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals
Thursday, 21 April 2016

Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 4 December 2015 and 18 January 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

For more information on the event, please *click here*. Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary segment are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063), copy to Ms. Mary Muturi (e-mail muturi@un.org)). Statements in the plenary segment should not exceed *three minutes*.

For bilateral meetings, a limited number of temporary booths, with a maximum capacity of eight participants per booth, will be available in the General Assembly Building.

Delegations are requested to submit reservations electronically through eMeets by accessing http://icms.un.org, logging in with the username and password of their permanent mission and clicking on the "Bilateral" tab.

The date and time and the name of the other delegation participating in the bilateral meeting should be specified in the request. Reservations will be accepted for periods of 20 minutes, on the hour and half hour. To prevent double bookings, only the delegations initiating the bilateral meeting(s) should submit the request.

For further information regarding bilateral requests, please contact bilats-msu@un.org.

Thirtieth special session of the General Assembly on the World Drug Problem
Tuesday, 19, Wednesday, 20, and Thursday, 21 April 2016

Pursuant to resolutions 67/193 of 20 December 2012, 69/200 of 18 December 2014 and 70/181 of 17 December 2015, the General Assembly will hold the thirtieth special session on the World Drug Problem. The thirtieth special session shall consist of a general debate and five interactive, multi-stakeholder round tables. Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings, should contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org, copy to muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082). To enable maximum participation within the limited time available, statements in the plenary meetings should not exceed *three minutes* when speaking in national capacity and *five minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group. In order to promote interactive and substantive discussions; participation in the round tables will be conducted without a list of speakers. However, Member States, Observer States and Observers are encouraged to inform the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org, copy to muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082) in which of the round tables they wish to intervene.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (Room S-3633; tel. 1 (917) 367-5133).

For more information, please *click here*.

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Second Committee

Informal meeting

Tuesday, 12 April 2016

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 12

Convened by the co-facilitators (Australia and Rwanda) of the discussion on the organization of the agenda of the Second Committee

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Committee on Relations with the Host Country

Tuesday, 12 April 2016

10:00 276th meeting (closed) Conference Room 8

Delegations of Member States and Observers that wish to attend as observers should indicate their desire to do so in advance to the Secretary of the Committee (Mr. Surya Sinha (e-mail sinha1@un.org; Room S-3632). The meeting will not be open to members of the press or the public. Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee may be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/26, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Secretary of the Committee any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-sixth session
(6-24 June 2016)

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information. The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States *at least two weeks* before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 20 May 2016*.

For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; Room FF-700 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943); or by e-mail to contributions@un.org.

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 70/245. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

South-South cooperation for development

High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation
Nineteenth session
Organizational meeting

Thursday, 14 April 2016

10:00 to13:00 Conference Room 1

To elect the Committee's Bureau for the coming two years. The organizational meeting will also adopt the provisional agenda and approve the organization of work for the nineteenth session. For this purpose, regional groups are kindly reminded to submit to the secretariat the names of their nominees for the respective positions on the Committee's Bureau, as follows: President (African States), three Vice-Presidents (Latin American and Caribbean States, Eastern European States, and Western European and other States), and Rapporteur (Asia-Pacific States), and to please convey the names of the nominees to Mr. Cosmas Gitta, Assistant Director, Policy and United Nations Affairs, United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (e-mail cosmas.gitta@undp.org). The documents for the organizational meeting are contained in SSC/19/L.1, SSC/19/L.2 and SSC/19/L.3.

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism and the 1267/1989/2253 ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee

Joint briefing

Thursday, 14 April 2016

11:00 Conference Room 2

The Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism and the 1267/1989/2253 ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee will hold an open briefing with Member States and the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) on "Countering the Financing of Terrorism and Depriving Terrorist Groups, particularly Al-Qaida, ISIL (Da'esh) and their Affiliates, from their Sources of Funding".

The joint briefing will enable the two Committees, Member States, and relevant international and regional organizations to discuss new and emerging terrorism-financing trends and challenges to information-sharing at the national, international and regional levels, including with the private sector; and to highlight initiatives to help States enhance their information-sharing and thereby strengthen global efforts to prevent and counter terrorism financing.

The briefing will consist of keynote addresses by the two Committee Chairs and the President of the FATF, as well as three substantive sessions, arranged in a "presentation

and discussion" format to encourage interactive discussion. The participants will initially consider (i) methods used by terrorists to raise and channel funds; (ii) new and emerging terrorism-financing trends and challenges in the context of information-sharing at the national, international and regional levels, including with the private sector; and (iii) initiatives to help States enhance their information-sharing to strengthen global efforts to prevent and counter terrorism financing.

The joint briefing will be open to Member States, United Nations entities, intergovernmental organizations, specialized agencies, and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

Inquiries should be addressed to Mr. Matteo Sestito, CTED Associate Political Affairs Officer (e-mail sestito@un.org).

Economic and Social Council

2016 session

Forum on financing for development follow-up

Monday, 18, to Wednesday, 20 April 2016 Trusteeship Council Chamber

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 70/192 and Economic and Social Council decision 2016/210, the inaugural meeting of the forum will be convened by the President of the Council (Republic of Korea). Pursuant to Council decision 2016/211, the theme of the meeting will be "Financing for sustainable development: follow-up to the Addis Ababa Action Agenda".

The forum will include the special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. The forum will have universal, intergovernmental participation, utilizing the modalities of participation of the international conferences on financing for development.

The *general debate* will be held on Monday, 18 April, from 11:30 to 13:00, and on Wednesday, 20 April, from 16:30 to 17:30. Requests for inscription on the list of speakers should be sent, *in writing*, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the *Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity* (c/o Ms. Theresa Olvida (e-mail olvida@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Inscription to the list of speakers will close by *17:00, on Friday, 15 April 2016*. The time limit set for statements is *five minutes* for speakers on behalf of groups and *three minutes* for statements by individual delegations.

For bilateral meetings, a limited number of temporary booths, with a maximum capacity of eight participants per booth, will be available in the General Assembly Building. Delegations are requested to submit reservations electronically through eMeets by accessing http://icms.un.org, logging in with the username and password of their Permanent Mission and clicking on the "Bilateral" tab. The date and time and the name of the other delegation participating in the bilateral meeting should be specified in the request. Reservations will be accepted for periods of 20 minutes, on the hour and half hour. To prevent double bookings, only the delegations initiating the bilateral meeting(s) should submit the request. For further information regarding bilateral requests, contact bilats-msu@un.org.

Additional information is available on the website of the Financing for Development Office (*click here*). For further details, contact Ms. Dominika Halka, FFDO/Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail halka@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6653).

For inclusion in the *list of participants*, delegations are kindly requested to send the names of their representatives and alternates attending the forum to the Secretary of the Council (e-mail olvida@un.org; Room S-1281; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

PaperSmart arrangements will be offered as an additional service to the meetings of the forum. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart Portal of the Council should send a copy of the statement at least one hour in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date and topic of the meeting should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available in the PaperSmart portal after its delivery by delegations. To access the PaperSmart portal of the Council, please *click here*.

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
Fifteenth session

Monday, 9 to Friday, 20 May 2016 Conference Room 4

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document E/C.19/2016/1, and the proposed organization of work is contained in document E/C.19/2016/L.1.

Member States, intergovernmental organizations and United Nations bodies and specialized agencies wishing to send observers to the session are requested to communicate the composition of their delegations, in advance of the session, to the Secretary of the Forum, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Only those observers who indicate their participation by *Wednesday, 27 April 2016,* will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the Conference Room 4 on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

For background and other related documents of the fifteenth session of the Forum, please visit the following Web site: www.un.org/indigenous.

The fifteenth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will be served in a PaperSmart manner. The official documentation of the Forum will be available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal in all available official languages. There will be no circulation of hard copies of documents. However, a print-on-demand service will be available, via which delegates can request for a hard copy at the PaperSmart Desk in the conference room, or by the print-on-demand option on the PaperSmart Portal. Delegates will be able to e-mail any document or statement to themselves from the Portal. No log in will be required to access the Portal.

Delegations and participants are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meetings in order to access information and documents electronically.

The list of speakers will open as of *Monday, 18 April 2016*. Member States and United Nations bodies and specialized agencies wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for a particular item should contact the secretariat (Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

Commission on Population and Development
Forty-ninth session

Monday, 11 to Friday, 15 April 2016 Conference Room 4

The provisional agenda of the session and the proposed organization of work are contained in documents E/CN.9/2016/1 and E/CN.9/2016/L.1, respectively. To consult background information and official documents for the session, please *click here*.

For *participation and seating arrangements*, members of the Commission wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Member States that are not members of the Commission, non-member States, observers, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and Regional Commissions are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Kindly note that only those observers who have confirmed their participation will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4, on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

The *lists of speakers* for all agenda items are open. Requests for inscription in the list of speakers should be sent *in writing*, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)). In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: strengthening the demographic evidence base for the post-2015 development agenda), will be held from Monday, 11 April 2016 (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.9/2016/L.1).

Delegations are advised that statements made by individual States should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*; and statements made by observers should not exceed *four minutes*.

For *statements and PaperSmart arrangements*, delegates are informed that PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service for the forty-ninth session of the Commission. The official documentation and statements for the meetings will be available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal (http://papersmart.unmeetings.org/ecosoc/cpd/49th-session/programme/) in all available official languages.

Delegates are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements to papersmart1@un.org at least 1 hour in advance of their designated speaking slot and to bring 30 copies of their statements for technical services. The date and time of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will remain embargoed until delivery, after which they will be available to the public on the portal.

For information on the *participation of non-governmental organizations* in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*. Information on *side events*, or activities organized outside the formal programme of the session of the Commission can be accessed by *clicking here*.

For the *election of the Bureau of the fiftieth session*, the Commission will hold the first meeting of its fiftieth session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-ninth session.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Event on "United Nations Peace Operations Review" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Ethiopia, Norway and the Republic of Korea, and the International Peace Institute (IPI))

Monday, 11 April 2016

09:30 to 17:30 Trusteeship Council Chamber

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Park Jang-ho, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea (e-mail jhpark00@mofa.go.kr; tel. 1 (212) 439-4038).

Launch of the *2016 Economic Report on Africa*, entitled "Greening Africa's Industrialization" (co-organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA), the African Union Commission (AUC), and the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)

Monday, 11 April 2016

10:00 to 12:00 Conference Room 1

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Jean-Victor Nkolo, OSAA (e-mail nkolo@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8203).

Briefing on "Inquiry: Design of a Sustainable Financial System" (organized by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) New York Office)

Monday, 11 April 2016

15:00 to 17:00 Conference Room 1

All permanent missions are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Olivier Lavagne, UNEP (e-mail olivier.lavagne@unep.org).

Annual commemoration of the International Day of Reflection on the Genocide in Rwanda (7 April) (organized by the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Permanent Mission of Rwanda)

Monday, 11 April 2016

15:30 General Assembly Hall

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Brigitta Gabulya Uri, DPI (e-mail gabulyauri@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3604). To register, please *click here*.

Meeting of the Parliamentary of la Francophonie (organized by the Permanent Observer Mission for the International Organization of la Francophonie (OIF))

Tuesday, 12 and Wednesday, 13 April 2016

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room A
13:00 to 15:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room A
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room A

For further information, please contact OIF (e-mail reper.new-york@francophonie.org; tel. 1 (212) 867-6771).

Arab Group (Second Committee experts)

Tuesday, 12 April 2016

13:15 to 14:30	Closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Event on "Migration, Population and the 2030 Agenda: Collaborating to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for All Through the Perspectives of Migrants and Refugees" (organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See, in collaboration with the Augustinians International, the Federation of Sisters of Saint Joseph, the NGO Committee on Migration, Passionists International and Vincentians International)

Tuesday, 12 April 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 11

All are invited. For further information, please contact the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See (e-mail office@holyseemission.org; tel. 1 (212) 370-7885).

Event on "Progress in Realising the Addis Ababa Promise to the Youth of Africa" (organized by the Permanent Mission of South Africa)

Tuesday, 12 April 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 12

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Margaret Agondua, Permanent Mission of South Africa (e-mail agonduam@dirco.gov.za; tel. 1 (212) 692-2486).

Panel discussion on "Governing the United Nations Development System to Implement Agenda 2030" (organized by the United Nations University (UNU))

Tuesday, 12 April 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 9

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Julia Blocher, UNU (e-mail blocher@unu.edu; tel. 1 (917) 367-9017); to register, please *click here*.

Event on "Fighting Climate Change: Sharing Italy's Innovative Technologies" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

Tuesday, 12 April 2016

15:00 to 17:30 Conference Room 11

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Paolo Mari, Permanent Mission of Italy (e-mail sec.italyun@esteri.it; tel. 1 (646) 840-5388).

Informal consultations on the draft comprehensive convention on international terrorism (convened in the context of the work of the Sixth Committee)

Tuesday, 12 April 2016

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Special briefing "Belarus–United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA)–United Nations Development Programme (UNDP): History and Development" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Belarus)

Wednesday, 13 April 2016

10:00 to 11:30 Conference Room 8

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Irina Velichko, Permanent Mission of Belarus (e-mail iravelichko@gmail.com).

Informal briefing on the rule of law, with a focus on children and juveniles, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 70/118 (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Austria, Liechtenstein and Mexico, and the Rule of Law Unit (on behalf of the United Nations Rule of Law Coordination and Resource Group))

Wednesday, 13 April 2016

11:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 11

All are invited. For further information, please contact the Rule of Law Unit (Ms. Jane Anttila (e-mail anttila@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4749; or Ms. Lilibeth Benitez (e-mail benitez@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2935).

Briefing in support of an International Day of the Tropics (organized by the Permanent Mission of Australia)

Wednesday, 13 April 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 11

All permanent missions and observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Julian Simpson, Permanent Mission of Australia (email australia@un.int, tel. 1 (212) 351-6629).

Informal briefing on the work of the International Law Commission (for Sixth Committee delegates) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Argentina, Italy, Peru and Singapore)

Wednesday, 13 April 2016

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 11

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Salvatore Zappala, Permanent Mission of Italy (e-mail salvatore.zappala@esteri.it).

Special event on "Trafficking in Persons: Eliminating Forced Labour" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Belarus and the Group of Friends United against Human Trafficking)

Thursday, 14 April 2016

10:00 to 11:30 Conference Room 8

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Irina Velichko, Permanent Mission of Belarus (e-mail iravelichko@gmail.com).

Launch of the 2016 United Nations World Water Report, entitled "Water and Jobs" (organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO))

Thursday, 14 April 2016

13:15 to 14:45 Conference Room 11

All are invited. For further information, please contact the UNESCO New York Office (e-mail newyork@unesco.org).

Event on "Drugs and the Death Penalty" (co-organized by the Organization of American States (OAS) and Amnesty International)

Friday, 15 April 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 5

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Nicolas Stainfeld, OAS (e-mail oasnyork@gmail.com).

High-level dialogue on "Antimicrobial Resistance" (co-organized by the World Health Organization (WHO), the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) and the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO))

Monday, 18 April 2016

11:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 1

All are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Ms. Sophie Evekink, WHO (e-mail sevekink@whoun.org; tel. 1 (646) 626-6056); or the FAO Liaison Office in New York (e-mail lon-registry@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0986).

Event on "Climate Change for Sustainable and Green Development" (co-organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Permanent Mission of Italy)

Tuesday, 19 April 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room S-310

For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Briefing series on the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review of the General Assembly (co-organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

Wednesday, 20 April 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 8

For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Event on "Building a Resilient Future through Water - Connecting the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden and the Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI), in collaboration with the Alliance for Global Water Adaptation and the Rockefeller Foundation)

Wednesday, 20 April 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 8

All are invited. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Sweden (Ms. Anneli Bailey (e-mail anneli.bailey@gov.se; tel. 1 (212) 583-2521); or Ms. Karin Lexén (e-mail karin.lexen@siwi.org)).

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names
Twenty-ninth session
Bangkok, Thailand (25-29 April 2016)

The twenty-ninth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names will be held at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok. The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document GEGN/29/1. For further information on the session, please *click here*.

Members of the Group of Experts, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session and be included in the *list of participants* are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations by means of a note verbale on official letterhead to the Secretary of the Group of Experts, Mr. Kenji Nakano (c/o Mr. Victor Leu (e-mail leu@un.org; Room S-3073; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Announcements

High-level signature ceremony for the Paris Agreement
Friday, 22 April 2016

The Secretary-General of the United Nations will convene the high-level signature ceremony for the Paris Agreement.

On this occasion, Parties to the UNFCCC will be provided with an opportunity to deliver national statements in parallel sessions, which will be held concurrently with the signing ceremony. In light of time constraints, the length of these statements should not exceed *three minutes*. Delegations wishing to deliver statements should approach Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063, copy to Ms. Mary Muturi, e-mail muturi@un.org), at the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. The list of speakers will be maintained in accordance with customary protocol.

For bilateral meetings, a limited number of temporary booths, with a maximum capacity of eight participants per booth, will be available in the General Assembly Building.

Delegations are requested to submit reservations electronically through eMeets by accessing http://icms.un.org, logging in with the username and password of their permanent mission and clicking on the "Bilateral" tab. The date and time and the name of the other delegation participating in the bilateral meeting should be specified in the request. Reservations will be accepted for periods of 20 minutes, on the hour and half hour. To prevent double bookings, only the delegations initiating the bilateral meeting(s) should submit the request.

For further information regarding bilateral requests, please contact bilats-msu@un.org.

Opening for signature
Friday, 22 April 2016

States and regional economic integration organizations intending to sign the Paris Agreement at the high-level signature ceremony convened by the Secretary-General on 22 April 2016 are requested to send to the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs, as soon as possible and well in advance of the ceremony, a letter or note verbale confirming their participation in the signature ceremony and indicating the name and title of the representative who will sign the Agreement on their behalf. When needed,

this communication should be accompanied by the instrument of full powers authorizing the representative to sign the Agreement.

In this regard, it is recalled that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government and Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign the Agreement on behalf of their State without having to produce full powers. Any other representatives wishing to sign the Agreement must be in possession of appropriate full powers emanating from one of these three authorities.

Contacts: Ms. Dina Hamdy (e-mail hamdyd@un.org); or Ms. Hada Guevara (e-mail guevarah@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693).

World Humanitarian Summit
Istanbul, Turkey (23-24 May 2016)

The Secretary-General will convene the first World Humanitarian Summit from Monday, 23 to Tuesday, 24 May 2016, in Istanbul, Turkey. For more information on the Summit, please *click here*. Representatives of Member States and Observers of the General Assembly wishing to inscribe in the list of speakers for the plenary session entitled "Member States and other Stakeholders' Announcement Plenary" can contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082; with copy to muturi@un.org). Statements in the Announcement Plenary should not exceed *three minutes*.

2016 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme

Member States are reminded that the deadline for submission of nominations to the 2016 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme is *Friday, 15 April 2016* (Note verbale ODA/01-2016/FP dated 4 January 2016). Only one nomination per Member State may be submitted and should be addressed to: The Coordinator, United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme, Office for Disarmament Affairs, Geneva Branch, Palais des Nations, Room C-113-1, 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland. Nomination form and other attachments can be found by *clicking here*.

Reports of the Secretary-General on disarmament items to be submitted to the seventy-first session of the General Assembly

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would be grateful if Member States could communicate to the Office, in hard copy and electronic version (Word format), the relevant data and information, pursuant to the General Assembly resolutions indicated below, by *Friday, 29 April 2016*, so as to facilitate issuance of the reports in time for consideration by the General Assembly at its seventy-first session. Provision of the submission in Microsoft Word format *is required*. Kindly send the electronic version to Ms. Jenny Fuchs (e-mail fuchs@un.org).

Resolution 70/32, paras. 6 and 7, entitled "Relationship between disarmament and development", adopted on 7 December 2015 (Note verbale ODA/19-2016/D&D dated 8 February 2016 refers);

Resolution 70/44, para. 3, entitled "Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels", adopted on 7 December 2015 (Note verbale ODA/15-2016/CAC dated 8 February 2016 refers);

Resolution 70/46, para. 16, entitled "Countering the threat posed by improvised explosive devices", adopted on 7 December 2015 (Note verbale ODA/20-2016/IED dated 8 February 2016 refers); and

Resolution 69/57, paras. 2 and 8, entitled "Effects of the use of armaments and ammunitions containing depleted uranium", adopted on 2 December 2014 (Note verbale ODA/16-2016/AADU dated 8 February 2016 refers).

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would also be grateful to receive, on-line (please *click here*), by *Friday, 29 April 2016*, the information relevant to Resolution 70/21, paras. 1 and 8, entitled "Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures", adopted on 7 December 2015 (Note verbale ODA/17-2017/OIMM dated 8 February 2016 refers).

International Law Seminar for African Universities — Call for applications
(15-26 August 2016)

The first International Law Seminar for African Universities is scheduled to take place at the Kofi Annan Centre in Accra, Ghana, to promote capacity building in international law education for the benefit of teachers from academic institutions and government training centres throughout the region.

The African Institute of International Law will conduct the seminar in cooperation with the host country, Ghana, the Kofi Annan Centre, the African Union and the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs pursuant to General Assembly resolution 70/116.

The deadline for submitting applications is *Friday, 29 April 2016*. Information concerning the seminar and the application process is available on the website of the African Institute of International Law. The seminar is subject to funding by voluntary contributions.

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For more information, please see the website of the African Institute of International Law (*click here*); or contact the Secretary of the Advisory Committee on the Programme of Assistance, Ms. Virginia Morris (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States

parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2016:

Ninth session of the Conference of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (14-16 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information);

Nineteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (21 June 2016): election to replace twelve members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information);

Thirty-fifth meeting of States parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (23 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Human Rights Committee whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information); and

Sixteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (30 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child whose terms expire on 28 February 2017 (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting in question.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for the Conference of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should only be submitted to the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (Attn: Mr. Guozhong Zhang (e-mail zhangg@un.org; Room S-2905)). Original copies of credentials and names of delegates, duly signed by the head of state or government or foreign minister, for all other meetings should be submitted to the New York Office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Attn. Ms. Sheilah Trotta (e-mail trotta@un.org; Room DC1-213)).

Details on the procedures for the nomination of candidates for each of these elections will be communicated to States parties via notes verbales from OHCHR Geneva.

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training (in English) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *April 2016*:

Introduction to United Nations documents

Security Council Documentation

Finding Speeches

Law Library Overview

General Assembly Documentation

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Report of the High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises

In order to provide timely access, the report of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises has been made available electronically, in an advance unedited version, and can be accessed by *clicking here*.

The report will be issued as an official document in due course, in conjunction with the Secretary-General's own report, which will be based on the Panel's important findings.

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council**

The *Repertoire* is published by the Security Council Affairs Division, in the Department of Political Affairs. It is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations to follow the evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the framework in which it operates. The latest published volume (Sixteenth Supplement) covers the years 2008 to 2009.

For copies, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288).

The Seventeenth Supplement (2010-2011), as well as several Parts of the Eighteenth Supplement (2012-2013) are available in their advance versions on line by *clicking here*.

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2016 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 6 April 2016

Economic and Social Council

2016 session

Coordination and management meeting

[archived video]

18th meeting

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments [item 4]

The Council continued its consideration of the item, and heard a statement by the Vice-President (Zimbabwe).

Statistical Commission

The Council proceeded to elect, by secret ballot, two members from the Asia-Pacific States to the Commission for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2017 and expiring on 31 December 2020.

Milan Konrad (Czech Republic) and Cedric Miro (Panama) served as Tellers.

The results of the secret ballot were as follows:

China *(30 votes)*

Japan *(27 votes)*

Kazakhstan *(26 votes)*

Turkmenistan *(21 votes)*

Having obtained the required majority, China and Japan were declared elected to the Statistical Commission for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2017 and expiring on 31 December 2020.

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

The Council then proceeded to elect, by secret ballot, two members from the African States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2017 and expiring on 31 December 2020.

Amadeo Solari (Peru), and Thanh Nguyen (Viet Nam) served as Tellers.

The results of the secret ballot were as follows:

Mohamed Ezzeldin Abdel-Moneim (Egypt) *(40 votes)*

Sandra Liebenberg (South Africa) *(34 votes)*

Marc France Eddy Balancy (Mauritius) *(23 votes)*

Mohamed Ould Lagdaf Ould Boya (Mauritania) *(8 votes)*

Having obtained the required majority, Mohamed Ezzeldin Abdel-Moneim (Egypt) and Sandra Liebenberg (South Africa) were declared elected to the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2017 and expiring on 31 December 2020.

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

The Council proceeded to elect, by secret ballot, one member from the Eastern European States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2017 and expiring on 31 December 2019.

Yolanie Cerrato (Honduras) and Yamada Motoyasu (Japan) served as Tellers.

The results of the secret ballot were as follows:

Aisa Mukabenova (Russian Federation) *(30 votes)*

Oliver Loode (Estonia) *(24 votes)*

Having obtained the required majority, Aisa Mukabenova (Russian Federation) was declared elected to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2017 and expiring on 31 December 2019.

Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

Regional category, in accordance with Council resolution 2010/35

The Council then proceeded to elect, by secret ballot, three members from the Latin American and Caribbean States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2017 and expiring on 31 December 2019.

Zhang Zhe (China) and Joel Muzuwa (Zimbabwe) served as Tellers.

The results of the secret ballot were as follows:

Trinidad and Tobago *(44 votes)*

Brazil *(41 votes)*

El Salvador *(40 votes)*

Guatemala *(37 votes)*

Having obtained the required majority and the largest number of votes, Brazil, El Salvador and Trinidad and Tobago were declared elected to the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2017 and expiring on 31 December 2019.

Outstanding vacancies

Commission for Social Development

The Council elected Haiti and Panama, by acclamation, for outstanding vacancies from the Latin American and Caribbean States on the Commission, for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting of the Commission's fifty-sixth session in 2017 and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-ninth session in 2021.

The Council decided to further postpone the election to fill fifteen outstanding vacancies as follows: two from the African States for a term expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-eighth session in 2020, one from the Eastern European States for a term expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-seventh session in 2019, one from the Western European and other States for a term expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-fifth session in 2017 and two from the Western European and other States for a term expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-eighth session in 2020,

all for terms beginning on the date of election; and two vacancies from the Asia-Pacific States, two from the Eastern European States, two from the Latin American and Caribbean States and three from the Western European and other States for a term beginning at the first meeting of the Commission's fifty-sixth session in 2017 and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-ninth session in 2021.

Executive Board of the World Food Programme

The Council elected Saudi Arabia, by acclamation, for an outstanding vacancy for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2017and expiring on 31 December 2019.

The Council decided to further postpone the election of one member each, from List A and D, for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2017 and expiring on 31 December 2019.

Organization of work

A statement was made by the Vice-President (Zimbabwe).

Thursday, 7 April 2016

Security Council

[archived video]

7667th meeting

Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2016/322, submitted by the United States of America.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2016/322) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2016/322) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions and was adopted unanimously as resolution 2280 (2016).

The Security Council adopted a statement by the President on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2016/3).

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

376th meeting

The summary of the 376th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2016/70).

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *April 2016* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States
Uganda
His Excellency Richard Nduhuura

Asia-Pacific States
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
His Excellency Gholamali Khoshroo

Eastern European States
Belarus
His Excellency Andrei Dapkiunas

Latin American and Caribbean States
Argentina
His Excellency Martín García Moritán

Western European and other States
Malta
His Excellency Christopher Grima

General Assembly
Seventieth session

For the online schedule of informal and formal meetings of the General Assembly for the resumed part of the seventieth session, please *click here*.

For the *list of speakers*, delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063)).

For the submission of a *draft resolution* for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-7784 (Room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

For *PaperSmart Services*, delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

For *announcement for Member States on issuance of communications*, delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the permanent representative or chargé d'affaires of the permanent mission to the United Nations.

The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/70/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Materials that are accessible to the public on websites or through the media, such as statements, press releases and images, should be cited rather than included in the communications.

For *future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council* pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014, the election for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place *in the afternoon* on Tuesday, 14 June 2016. The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council will take place on Tuesday, 28 June 2016.

The *election of the President* of the General Assembly at its seventy-first session, as well as the *election of the Vice-Presidents and Chairs of the Main Committees* at its seventy-first session will take place on Monday, 13 June 2016.

Candiweb – A website dedicated to elections and candidatures at United Nations Headquarters in New York, to access it, please *click here*.

Seventy-first session

The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/71/50.

Request for conference rooms and services at United Nations Headquarters

For reservation of conference rooms at United Nations Headquarters, please contact the Meeting Management Section/Central Planning and Coordination Division/Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (MMS/CPCD/DGACM) (e-mail e-meetsm@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8114; or 1 (212) 963-7351).

After a conference room has been assigned in eMeets, please contact the following offices if other services are also needed:

For access and security-related matters, please contact Lieutenant Malinda McCormack/DSS (e-mail mccormackm@un.org, or levyd@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7028);

For nameplates, podium signs and room set-up, please contact the Preparatory Work Team/DGACM (e-mail prepwork@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7348);

For PaperSmart Portal matters, please contact the PaperSmart Team/DGACM (e-mail papersmart@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7349);

For publishing material for inclusion in the *Journal*, please contact the Journal Unit/DGACM (e-mail journal@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3888; or 1 (212) 963-0493);

For media access and accreditation, please contact the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit/DPI (e-mail malu@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6934);

For broadcast TV coverage, please contact Mr. David Woodie/DPI (e-mail woodie@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9399);

For webcasting and UN Web TV, please contact Mr. Andreas Damianou/DPI (e-mail damianou@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6733);

For special events services, please contact the Special Events Unit/DM (e-mail specialevents@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 367-4245);

For audiovisual services, please contact BCSS/DM (request-for-services@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9485);

For loaning of technological equipment (PC, printer, etc.), please contact OICT/DM (e-mail itservices@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3333).

For detailed information on the policies and procedures regarding the use of conference rooms, facilities and services at the United Nations Headquarters, please refer to document ST/AI/416.

Request for the use of the General Assembly Hall

The reservation of the General Assembly Hall is now managed by the Meeting Management Section, Central Planning and Coordination Division, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. Requests for the use of the General Assembly Hall should be addressed to Mr. Xuesong Ma, Director, Central Planning and Coordination Division (e-mail max@un.org; Room S-1232).

Documentation Services for Delegates provided by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM)

Useful *links* to United Nations documentation resources can be found at www.un.org/documents. The Official Document System (ODS) features an enhanced search page (documents.un.org) which, using keywords, facilitates considerably the search and retrieval of documents.

eSubscription for a simple and fast alternate way to access United Nations parliamentary documents electronically through the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management's eSubscription service, please *click here*.

Based on RSS feeds (Really Simple Syndication), the latest edition of the *Journal* and parliamentary documents issued daily at Headquarters can be accessed readily on a computer or hand-held smart device. Sign-up is free and easy by visiting the eSubscription page at www.undocs.org.

An overview of all documents with the options "e-mail" or "RSS" next to each document category is located there. After sign-up, documents will be sent to the subscriber via e-mail as soon as they are made available. Comments, questions and suggestions are invited to be sent to help-desk@un.org.

The *DGACM Documents Assistance Centre (DAC)* located in the North Delegates Lounge in Room CB-0264 is a central point of support for delegates seeking documentation assistance. In addition, the Delegates' Documents Counter is located adjacent to the Accessibility Centre in Room S-01B32. To contact the DAC, please call 1 (212) 963-2105; and/or e-mail dac@un.org.

Conference Officer Desks and/or Documents Counters are located in each of the following conference rooms in the Secretariat Building: Conference Rooms 1, 2, 3

and 4, the General Assembly Hall, the Economic and Social Council Chamber and the Trusteeship Council Chamber, where documents for the meeting being held at that time may be obtained.

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (e-mailed dpa-scsb3@un.org; Room S-2472; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). For queries, please call 1 (212) 963-5258.

The *website of the Presidency* of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Information about previously *unscheduled meetings* and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by clicking on "Programme of work" on the website of the Security Council at www.un.org/en/sc; or by calling 1 (212) 963-5258.

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of *prepared statements* which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered.

Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; Room S-0220).

Information regarding the *Journal of the United Nations*

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Kindly take note that the English and French versions of the *Journal* are accessible to blind and visually impaired users via screen readers.

Back issues of the *Journal*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: www.un.org/en/documents/journal.asp and www.un.org/fr/documents/journal.asp. All comments and suggestions about the *Journal* are welcome. Kindly contact the office of the *Journal* at journal@un.org.

Emergency information and updates

Emergency information and updates can be obtained on the United Nations Headquarters Emergency Information website at emergency.un.org/ and delegateinfo.un.int. The website also offers the option of subscription to e-mail, SMS and voice call alerts.

In addition, a hotline number for updates during weather emergencies or other urgent situations can be accessed by calling 1 (212) 963-9800.

Touch screen information kiosks

The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) invites delegations and staff to use the two touch screen information kiosks located in the General Assembly building to access the official meeting schedule, the *Journal* of the United Nations, the Delegates' Handbook, the Blue Book and the United Nations Staff Yellow Pages, as well as Headquarters and Conference Room Maps.

These easy to use kiosks are located in the Delegates Lounge in the General Assembly Hall on the 2nd Floor and in the Vienna Café area in the Secretariat Building.

DGACM welcomes feedback, questions or comments pertaining to the information kiosks, which can be addressed to help-desk@un.org.

Documents issued at United Nations Headquarters on Thursday, 7 April 2016

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations http://documents.un.org in the electronic version of the present Journal.

Symbol	*Main title*
General Assembly	**Seventieth session**
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